

## OPINION SUMMARY

### MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

STATE OF MISSOURI,	)	ED101198
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Respondent,	)	Appeal from the Circuit Court
	)	of the City of St. Louis
vs.	)	1122-CR07352-01
	)	
RUFUS LITTLE,	)	Honorable Mark H. Neill
	)	
Appellant.	)	FILED: September 1, 2015

Rufus Little (Defendant) appeals from the sentence and judgment entered following a jury trial convicting him of assault in the second degree and child abuse.

AFFIRMED.

Division Two Holds: The trial court did not err in denying Defendant's motion to suppress his statements to the police before and after his arrest, because he was not subject to a custodial interrogation without Miranda warnings and his statements were voluntary in that the police made neither threats nor promises of leniency; the trial court did not abuse its discretion in failing to quash the entire jury panel; and the trial court did not plainly err in finding Defendant to be a prior and persistent offender, because he suffered no manifest injustice from the sentence, which fell within the statutory range of punishment.

Opinion by: Gary M. Gaertner, Jr. J.  
Philip M. Hess, P.J., and Angela T. Quigless, J., concur.

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